

## DOUGLAS INQUIRY HELD OBSTRUCTED

Celler Says 3 U.S. Agencies  
Have Withheld Information

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 — The chairman of a special House subcommittee considering the impeachment of Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court contended today that its preliminary inquiry was being obstructed by the refusal of Federal agencies to supply necessary information.

Representative Emanuel Celler, the Brooklyn Democrat who also heads the Judiciary Committee, said in a statement that the State Department, the Justice Department and the Central Intelligence Agency had not furnished him material requested six weeks ago.

"These delays and obstructions have hampered the special subcommittee in this investigation and hindered the completion of its task," Mr. Celler said. "In the light of the lack of cooperation from the executive branch, criticism of the special subcommittee is not justified."

A Justice Department spokesman said that Attorney General John N. Mitchell had sent Mr. Celler a letter that constituted "our report" three weeks ago, advising him that he could inspect other records at the department if he wished.

At the State Department, an official said the information requested by the House subcommittee was being "put together" and should be ready by the end of the week. The official said it had taken time because some material had to be gathered from "several embas-

sies abroad."

A C.I.A. spokesman said the agency would have no comment.

The subcommittee was given the assignment of studying charges made against Justice Douglas, as an alternative to creating a special committee, as 110 Democrats and Republicans had urged.

The House minority leader, Representative Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, who has led the campaign against Justice Douglas, has accused him of advocating "hippie-Yippie style revolution," writing for allegedly pornographic magazines, links to left-wing organizations and possible connections with gamblers.

On Monday, two House members pressing for the impeachment of Justice Douglas accused the Celler subcommittee of stalling. Representative Joe D. Waggoner Jr., Democrat of Louisiana, called the inquiry "a travesty"; Representative Louis C. Wyman, Republican of New Hampshire, said it was a "contrived whitewash."

The subcommittee, which was created last April 21, was given 60 days to complete its assignment and then a 60-day extension, so its time will expire on Aug. 19. Mr. Celler said earlier this week that he had not yet decided whether to ask for another extension.

In his statement today, Mr. Celler outlined a three-phase procedure that appeared capable of postponing any definite action until after Congress begins its campaign recess on Oct. 15.

The first phase involves the collection of information; the second the holding of hearings and a recommendation to the full committee as to whether an impeachable offense has been committed, with procedural recommendations; and the third phase involves a completion of the investigation by the full committee and a report to the House.

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